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Report of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, the Secretary-General and the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands continued to cooperate during the period under review in disseminating information to the Trust Territory on the aims and objectives of the International Trusteeship System and of the United Nations. The present report covers the period from 1 May 1993 to 30 April 1994.

2. The Department of Public Information of the Secretariat distributed information materials to some 100 organizations and individuals in the Trust Territory, both directly and through its information centres, primarily the United Nations Information Centre at Tokyo. Among the materials sent to the Trust Territory by the Department were the documents of the Trusteeship Council, press releases covering meetings of the Council and the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, November 1993 1/ as well as taped radio, video and film programmes (see also annex I).

3. The Department of Public Information produced eight press releases each in the English and French languages dealing with the work of the Trusteeship Council during the past year. The press releases featured all the proceedings of the Trusteeship Council meetings held during the review period. The messages of the Secretary-General and the President of the Trusteeship Council on the occasion of United Nations Day were transmitted to the Territory from the Information Centre at Tokyo as a press release.

4. The Department of Public Information aimed at enlightening the people of the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories about their right to self-determination through some radio programmes and posters disseminated to those

Territories. Several radio programmes dealing with the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) were also disseminated to the Territories. Another programme entitled "Right of self-determination: a historical review" was produced in the Arabic language. Other programmes dealt with issues discussed at the regional seminar of the Special Committee held in June 1993, 2/ with a view to heightening the awareness of political options available to the peoples of the small-island Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned under General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960.

5. In its September 1993 issue, the UN Chronicle featured an article entitled "Trusteeship Council mission to observe the eighth plebiscite in Palau". The 1993 issue of the Yearbook of the United Nations, which is under production, devotes one chapter each to questions relating to decolonization and the International Trusteeship System.

6. In acccrdance with a decision taken by the Trusteeship Council at its 1700th meeting, on 14 May 1993 (see T/PV.1700), the secretariat of the Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, on behalf of the Department of Public Information, distributed questionnaires to some 100 addressees to help evaluate the effectiveness of the dissemination and use of United Nations information materials in Palau. That distribution was designed to supplement earlier direct mailing by the Department of the same questionnaire to the identical list of recipients, from whom only five responses had been received. The questionnaire requested information as to the purpose and structure of the responding organization, subjects of interest to the organization and what use was made by the organization of the United Nations publications it received. As a result of the distribution of questionnaires, the Department of Public Information received 15 more replies, bringing the total number of replies received to 20. Respondents were from a variety of institutions and ministries, including the Ministries of Health, Foreign Affairs Administration and Education, the National Congress of Palau and the Department of State and Cultural Affairs, as well as from schools and research institutes, associations dealing with legislative and labour issues and a radio station (see annex II). The results of the survey were shared with the United Nations Information Centre at Tokyo.

7. The Department of Public Information, through its Anti-Apartheid, Palestine and Decolonization Section, mailed information materials directly to respondents to the survey. The materials included the following: An Agenda for Peace; report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, November 1993; a statement of the Secretary-General to the Special Committee (press release SG/SM/4924 of 11 February 1993); a poster on decolonization: "Complete Decolonization by the Year 2000: Freedom to Choose"; Basic Facts about the United Nations (1993); Human Development Report (1993), a publication of UNDP; a UNICEF annual report, State of the World's Children (1993); and an information kit on the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States entitled "Small Islands, Big Issues"; an information kit entitled "1994: International Year of the Family"; a brochure issued in 1993 entitled "End Discrimination against Women"; a fact sheet on the Fourth World Conference on Women; a note by the Secretary-General on Prevention and control of acquired

immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS); and a fact sheet and focus article on the elections in South Africa. In addition, the Department mailed specific materials, such as the 1993 World Economic Survey and statistical yearbooks on demographics and trade, to reflect areas of interest indicated by respondents to the above-mentioned questionnaire.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Sixtieth session, Supplement No. 1 (T/1978).

2/ A/AC.109/1159.

Annex I

LIST OF UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (PALAU)

May 1993-April 1994

	No. of copies sent
APARTHEID	
Notes and Documents: Nos. 93/1-5, 7-10	386
94/1-3	150
Special Issue (December 1993)	35
Progress made in the implementation of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa	27
Recent Developments on the Issue of Apartheid in South Africa (III)	20
South Africa's Democratic Elections: The United Nations Observer Role	20
DECOLONIZATION	
Complete Decolonization by the Year 2000: Freedom to Choose (Poster)	100
Decolonization: Nos. 41-42, 44-45	275
Report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, November 1993	20
DEVELOPMENT (SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC)	
Africa Recovery (vol. 6, Nos. 1 to 4) (vol. 7, Nos. 1 and 2)	253
Africa Recovery (Briefing Paper) (Nos. 7 and 9)	14
The World Summit for Social Development (Fact Sheet)	60
DISARMAMENT	
Disarmament Newsletter (vol. 9, No. 6) (vol. 10, No. 3) (vol. 11, Nos. 1 and 2) (vol. 12, No. 1)	342

	No. of copies sent
GENERAL	
TCDC Newsletter (Focus on Nutrition)	10
IFAD update (No. 7, January 1993)	26
UN/UNEP/WMO: United Nations Climate Change (Newsletter)	15
UN/UNEP/WMO: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Pamphlet)	11
UNCDP: United Nations Capital Development Fund: The Tokyo Forum (The Proceedings on Development Strategies for Least Developed Countries in the 1990s)	50
UNCTAD (Nos. 20 and 21)	68
UNDP: Choices (March, June, September and November 1993)	125
UNDP: Cooperation South (April, May, November and December 1993)	79
UNDP: Domestic Development Service: A Strategy for Human Development in African Communities	70
UNDP: Human Development Report, 1993	43
UNDP: Human Development Report, 1993 (Pamphlet)	70
UNDP: Source (December 1993)	12
UNDP: Water and Sustainable Development	20
UNICEF: Annual Report: State of the World's Children (1993)	20
UN Volunteers News (No. 62)	24
UNV: A participatory Development Programme of the United Nations Volunteers	70
UNV: Serving abroad with the United Nations Volunteers	55
UNV: United Nations Volunteers at a glance: The Key Statistics	70
UNV Spectrum	70

	No. of copies sent
WFP: World Food Programme (No. 28)	19
International Year of the Family (1994)	20
Note by the Secretary-General: Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)	20
Statistical yearbooks on demographics and trade	20
Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, "Small Islands, Big Issues" (Press Kit)	20
World Economic Survey (1993)	20
HUMAN RIGHTS	
International Year of the World's Indigenous People	276
International Year of the World's Indigenous People, 1993 (Press Kit)	27
International Year of the World's Indigenous People (Student map)	90
Notes for Speakers, Human Rights (Rev.1)	132
World Conference on Human Rights	22
World Conference on Human Rights (Press Kit)	4
World Conference on Human Rights: The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, June 1993	93
MESSAGES AND REPORTS	
An Agenda for Peace	40
Message by the Secretary-General on the occasion of United Nations Day	90
Message by the President of the Trusteeship Council	90
Statement by the Secretary-General to the Special Committee (11 February 1993)	20
United Nations in Brief (Rev.1)	32

	No. of copies sent
PEACE-KEEPING AND PEACEMAKING	
Peace-keeping: Answers at your Fingertips	10
Teaching about ... Peace-keeping and peacemaking	90
The Singapore Symposium (The Changing role of the United Nations in Conflict Resolution and Peace-keeping, 1991)	17
United Nations Peace-keeping	90
United Nations Peace-keeping Operations 1993: Update No. 2	4
United Nations Peace-keeping	39
REFUGEES AND DISASTER-RELIEF ASSISTANCE	
Division for Palestinian Rights (vol. XV, Nos. 8-12 (1992) (vol. XVI, Nos. 1-2, 6-8 (1993)	187
For the Rights of the Palestinians	15
International Solidarity with the Palestinian People (Information Note)	10
Refugees (UNHCR), No. 93 (August 1993) No. 94 (Resettlement)	17
Report on the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, Paris, 26-29 April 1993	6
UNITED NATIONS	
Basic Facts about the United Nations	35
Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice ...	90
Development Update (News on United Nations Events for Development) No. 1, Jan.-Feb.1994)	70
IYF: Facts for Life (A Communication Challenge)	20
Observance of the International Day of Families, 15 May 1994 (Information Note)	60

	No. of copies sent
Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization (Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth sessions)	90
Teaching about ... Decolonization	14
Teaching about ... Environment and Development	18
50th Anniversary of the United Nations (Newsletter, Issue 1)	90
The State of World Population (1993)	15
United Nations in Brief	90
United Nations Focus:	
"Ending Discrimination: A Fundamental Right"	9
"Enlarging the United Nations Humanitarian Mandate (1992)"	10
"List of States Parties" (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)	9
"United Nations Operation in Mozambique"	10
"United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia"	10
"The Quest for Women's Rights"	9
"The United Nations for Youth: Participation, Development, Peace"	32
"Women and Environment: Sustaining Our Common Future"	8
"United Nations Information Centres"	90
"What's the United Nations"	45
WOMEN	
End Discrimination against Women (1993)	20
Fourth World Conference on Women (Rev.1)	200
Women in Parliament as at 30 June 1993 (UNESCO poster)	10

	No. of copies sent
"Women's Rights, Human Rights"	40
Women in Parliament as at 30 June 1993 (UNESCO poster)	10
VIDEO CASSETTES	
World Chronicle, Nos. 478-482, 488-491, 495-496, 499-544	53
UN in Action, Nos. 260-326	27

Annex II

1993 Questionnaire to evaluate the dissemination and use of United Nations information materials in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau)

RESPONDING ORGANIZATIONS

Name of organization	Type/purpose of organization	Number of members	Use of United Nations information materials	Subjects of interest
Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)	Organization aimed at uniting central Pacific island nations to work on projects of mutual interest	More than 100, from legislatures of 10 island Governments	General information, speech preparation, radio and television broadcasts	Urban development, rural to urban migration, illegal immigration, human rights, self-determination, development bank financing
Belau National Hospital, Ministry of Health	Hospital dealing with health care delivery system and health surveillance		Health education, human resource development	Health and human services
Bethania High School			Preparation for civics classes	Self-determination and trusteeship
Bureau of Domestic Affairs, Republic of Palau	National government agency charged with, among other things, dissemination of information to the national Government and all State Governments		Dissemination t government offices and to radio stations for use in educational broadcasts	Self-determination, decolonization, trusteeship, human rights, racial discrimination

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Bureau of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of State (two replies received)			Speech preparation, research materials, preparation of official papers, for radio and television broadcasts	Self-determination, decolonization, trusteeship, human rights, racial discrimination, sea-level rise affecting small island States, records of proceedings and resolutions of Fourth Committee dealing with Non-Self-Governing Territories, trade, tourism, transportation and communications, infrastructure development, Asian-Pacific issues, environment, world economy, United Nations protocol, foreign aid, United Nations directory
Institute of Pacific Studies	Institute involved with research and teaching, etc.		Speech preparation, general information	Self-determination, decolonization, trusteeship
Koror State Government (Department of State and Cultural Affairs)	Government body dealing with the preservation of the culture of Palau			World trade statistics, cultural preservation, youth programmes, sports participation
Maris Stella Elementary School	School providing elementary education to students from kindergarten to eighth grade	234 students, 20 teachers	Teaching resources, student research materials	Human rights, racial discrimination, relief operations in Africa and Eastern Europe, health issues, social justice, world politics, world finance

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Ministry of Education, Republic of Palau			AIDS education in classroom, on radio and television; population education; speeches on environmental protection	Self-determination, human rights, environmental protection, health, population control, natural disaster reduction, coastal conservation, United Nations membership
Olbiil Era Kelulau, the Senate, Palau National Congress (3 replies received)	Law-making body	30-member body: 14 senators, 16 delegates	General information, speech preparation, dissemination of information through radio and television	Self-determination, trusteeship, human rights, Trusteeship Council proceedings, economic development of developing nations (case studies), economic trends (Pacific region), insular areas, United Nations membership, United Nations directory, names and addresses of Permanent Representatives
Otil A Beluad	Political organization focusing on political and women's issues	160, within Palau and abroad	Sharing of information materials with schools and general public	Environmental protection, sustainable development, international law, decolonization, self-determination, trusteeship, human rights, racial discrimination, anti-apartheid, work of United Nations agencies

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Office of the Vice-President of Palau, Ministry of Administration	Office dealing with public administration		Preparation of speeches, press releases and public information bulletins	Self-determination, decolonization, trusteeship, economic development, World Bank, activities of ESCAP, demographic statistics, anti-nuclear proliferation, energy conservation, health and nutrition, AIDS prevention
Palau High School			Teacher preparation for social studies education; student preparation for term papers	Self-determination, decolonization, trusteeship, human rights, racial discrimination, environment, business programmes in underdeveloped countries
Palau Job Training Partnership Act Office	Office is aimed at providing job training to economically disadvantaged individuals			Self-determination, trusteeship, job training, labour issues
Palau SDA School			Teaching materials	Self-determination, decolonization, trusteeship, relief to Somalia, restructuring of former Soviet Union
Pelelim State Government			Reference materials	Environment, fishing, agriculture (indicated preference for posters and videos)

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WSZB Radio Station	Government-owned radio station broadcasting educational programmes, among other things		Programme production. Station also broadcasts United Nations radio programmes	Self-determination, health, environmental and other programmes of interest to the Pacific region